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In re Application of: )  
Krishnakumar et al. ) Group Art Unit:  
Application No.: ) Examiner:  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
COOLING DURING IN-MOND )  
HANDLE ATTACHMENT )



Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

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